



July 2020

Greetings Grace Snell Family,

Welcome to another amazing year at Grace Snell! We will experience a new year like we have never experienced. Our teachers and staff are ready to provide our students with a challenging environment and a great teaching and learning experience! Our students' digital learning experience will look immensely different from last spring, and we look forward to sharing how it will work. Through digital learning, we will continue the amazing tradition of educational excellence for all of our students. It is imperative that we all work together—the school, the students, and the community—to ensure that we achieve this goal. Let's continue to pursue excellence for Grace Snell Middle School.

We will have a very different schedule for our VIRTUAL Open House/Registration on Friday, August 7th for sixth grade and August 10th for seventh and eighth grade. We know that you want nothing more than to be able to “meet” the teachers and understand the expectations for learning in the digital environment. This year, all parents will have an opportunity to get to know their child's teachers through teacher videos posted on teacher eCLASS pages on August 7th. Parents of our sixth graders will be able to meet their child's teachers on August 7th. Videos on how to access teacher eCLASS pages and locate student schedules on parent portal will be posted on the Grace Snell Website next week. Additionally, all parents will be able to pick-up student supplies based on the schedule below:

6th Grade Open House and Material Distribution									
August 7, 2020 11:00AM-5:00PM									
Who?	6th Grade - All new and returning students								
What can I Expect?	<p>Parents and students will be able to drive through our school bus lanes to meet their team of teachers and pick-up learning materials on Friday, August 7th. You will be able to see Connections teachers too! Don't forget to wear your masks!</p> <p>You will be able to retrieve the following prepackaged items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o GSMS Agenda Book o Supplementary Documents for Language Arts, Math, Science, and Social Studies o Interactive Readers/Workbooks for Language Arts, Math, and Science o District provided information o Student Identification “Badge” <p>Homeroom teachers will call parents before August 7th to introduce themselves, share valuable information, and answer questions that you may have.</p>								
Time (11AM-5PM)	<p>Please review the schedule below, read over the directions for materials distribution, and make arrangements to pick up materials on Monday, August 7th. To expedite the distribution process, please make sure that you follow your assigned time based upon your last name. There is also an evening time available for anyone who needs this accommodation. Don't forget to wear your masks!</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; margin-top: 10px;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="width: 50%;">Student's Last Name</th> <th style="width: 50%;">Open House Session (Drive-Through)</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>A-F</td> <td>10:00AM-11:00AM</td> </tr> <tr> <td>G-K</td> <td>11:00AM-12:00PM</td> </tr> <tr> <td>L-Q</td> <td>12:00PM-1:00PM</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Student's Last Name	Open House Session (Drive-Through)	A-F	10:00AM-11:00AM	G-K	11:00AM-12:00PM	L-Q	12:00PM-1:00PM
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	<p><u>Materials Distribution Directions for Parents/Students:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Follow signs at the school to the designated pick-up area (car rider lane). · Students and parents should remain in their vehicle at all times (while in the car rider lane). · Parents/students should place a sheet of paper in the windshield of the vehicle with the grade and student name, homeroom teacher name (if known) neatly printed. Please print this large enough for school personnel to read it. · School personnel will come to the window of the car to read the name of the student (and homeroom teacher, if known). Do not roll down your windows. You will then be directed to the pick-up area. · When directed, remotely pop the trunk or hatch (preferred) or unlock the back door. Personnel will place the student's materials in the vehicle. · School personnel working in the bus lanes will not be available to answer questions. Please contact the school (main office) with any questions or concerns. · When you arrive home, put your child's name in the agenda book, mentor text booklets, and interactive reader/workbooks. 		
Virtual Open House Teacher Videos	<p>Teacher videos (link located on the teacher's eCLASS page, beginning on August 7th): You will "virtually" meet your child's teachers –academic and connections. They will provide you with a/an:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● welcome and general school information ● overview of digital learning and class expectations ● demonstration of eCLASS course pages, as well as synchronous (Zoom and Google Meet) and asynchronous tools for teaching and learning 		
Virtual Open House Grace Snell Support Team Videos	<p>Grace Snell Support Team: You will be able to "virtually meet" the following GSMS Staff:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Darlene Brown, Principal ● Layla Bell, 6th grade AP ● Patricia Merritt, 7th grade AP ● Tracy Hickmon, 8th grade AP ● Rhonda Stroud, Local School Technology Coordinator ● Lawree Glenn, 6th grade Counselor ● Charles Walker 7th grade Counselor ● Tierney Langdon 8th grade Counselor <p>You will find the link to the video posted on the school's main webpage (beginning on August 7th) and shared via Social Media and School Messenger.</p>		

7th and 8th Grade Virtual Open House and Material Distribution August 10, 2020 1:00PM-5:00PM	
Who?	7th & 8th Grade – All new and returning students
What can I Expect?	<p>Parents and students will be able to drive through our school bus lanes to pick-up learning materials on Monday, August 10th. You will be able to see Connections teachers too!</p> <p>You will be able to retrieve the following prepackaged items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o GSMS Agenda Book o Supplementary Documents for Language Arts, Math, Science, and Social Studies o Interactive Readers/Workbooks for Language Arts, Math, and Science o District provided information o Student Identification "Badge"

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**Grace Snell Middle School Registration
Week of August 3rd**

Who?	All students will receive a letter with helpful information. Additionally, eCLASS course pages will go live on Thursday, August 6 th for you to view your child's schedule.
What can I Expect?	<p>Here are some items that you can work on as you prepare for the upcoming year.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Visit our school's website https://www.gcpsk12.org/GraceSnellMS and familiarize yourself with it. Please know that we are updating it regularly to reflect any changes that come our way. ● Make sure that you have access to Parent Portal. If you need any assistance, please call us at 770-554-7750. ● Make sure that your child has a device (laptop), internet access, materials for learning. ● Don't forget to have your child practice logging in to the student portal and his/her assigned teacher eCLASS pages. ● Sign up for our weekly publication "Grace Snell Connects" from the school website. ● "Like us" (Grace Snell) on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter. ● Also on our school website, you will find a link to Mypaymentsplus.com. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ This opened on July 18th, and everyone will need to visit the site to access your child's account (or create a new one) to complete additional forms and pay dues. ○ You can also join our amazing PTSA through mypaymentsplus.com ○ <u>Please know that we GREATLY appreciate any contributions that you can make to help us support teaching and learning!</u> ● If you are new to the Grace Snell Middle School area and need to register your child for school, need any assistance or have any questions, please call us at 770-554-7750.

We look forward to seeing all of you at our VIRTUAL Open House/Registration on August 7th and 10th!

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Darlene Brown

Your Proud Principal, Grace Snell Middle